

\$500,000 Drug Ring Loses in Last Gamble

Dr. Simon's Narcotic Squad Seizes Final Shipment of \$100,000 From Danzig, and Suspected Runner

Five Are Sent to Prison

Smugglers Who Took Part in International Band's Early Efforts Sentenced

The arrest of David Botti, of 110 Mott Street, and the seizure of \$100,000 worth of alleged illicit drugs, early yesterday morning, marked the failure of a plot to dispose of \$500,000 worth of smuggled narcotics in this country. Dr. Carleton Simon, Deputy Police Commissioner, said yesterday.

On January 15, Commissioner Simon obtained information concerning the activities of an international narcotic ring with headquarters in Danzig, Germany. He was informed at that time that \$500,000 worth of illicit drugs had been purchased by the leaders in the ring from German stores in Italy and that an attempt was to be made to smuggle the entire consignment to New York. Ten men, he was informed, were assigned to bring the drugs into the country. New York was to be the distributing point.

On January 17, Detective Moffett, acting under orders from Commissioner Simon, took up the trail of a man named Vincent Lucadano, a stevedore, who landed on that date on a steamer from Danzig. When Lucadano left the boat he carried a parcel in a cage, and went to 240 High Street, Brooklyn. A few hours later Commissioner Simon, with a dozen detectives, swooped down upon the place and arrested Lucadano and four others. About \$15,000 worth of drugs are alleged to have been seized.

On March 30, the second consignment, Commissioner Simon was informed, reached New York. On that date he visited a house in Brooklyn and succeeded in arresting five men and one woman and seizing \$250,000 worth of cocaine, heroin and morphine. On March 14 \$100,000 worth of the alleged illicit drugs had been seized from a man who arrived as a sailor on a ship from Danzig.

Early yesterday morning Botti was picked up while on his way to Mott Street, and when searched is alleged to have had \$100,000 worth of drugs in his possession. Commissioner Simon assembled all of the packages seized since January 17, and on the outside of each package discovered a serial number. The numbers are almost in sequence, and Commissioner Simon declared that all but \$35,000 worth of the \$500,000 worth of drugs in the original consignment had been seized.

The five men who were arrested on January 17 at the beginning of the roundup were placed on trial before Federal Judge Calvin yesterday on charges of illicit trafficking in drugs.

The jury in twenty minutes returned verdicts of guilty in each case. Vincent Lucadano, Anthony Damato, John Lawel, and Gattano Lavelle were each sentenced to serve two years in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta and each fined \$5,000. Frederick De Ambrosio, the fifth member of the gang, was sentenced to serve one year and nine months, and was fined \$2,000.

After imposing sentence Judge Calvin granted a continuance of sentence to give the men time to straighten up their affairs before starting their sentences.

Bellevue Expert Insists 4 to 7 P. C. Beer Is Food

Dr. Douglas Summers, director of the laboratories of Bellevue Hospital, confirmed yesterday an opinion concerning beer which has been held for a long time by beer experts of high and no degree, and recommended a return to beer of from 4 to 7 per cent alcoholic content and to light wines in order to stem the flood of moonshine.

"Beer has well defined medical qualities," said Dr. Summers. "It has both tonic and nutritive value, depending partly on the quantity of so-called extractives in it and partly on the percentage of alcohol."

"The lower the content of alcohol the less valuable is the beer. From the medical standpoint, I cannot conceive of a concoction more useless than the mephitic beer of today, with its alcoholic content of 12 per cent."

Big Loss in Spanish Gale

MADRID, April 9.—Great damage has been done along the Mediterranean coast of Spain by a terrific tempest, according to dispatches from Valencia, Castellon de la Plana and Alicante. Three fishing boats have disappeared with their crews, but few details of the devastation done by the storm have been learned.

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Primary Repeal Bill Assailed by La Guardia

Real Purpose to Perpetuate 'Reactionary Legislation' of Present Session, He Says

F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, who has opposed the repeal of the primary law and has threatened to make the matter a political issue, in a statement given out yesterday declared the real purpose of the repeal of this law was to perpetuate the reactionary legislation passed by the present Legislature.

"It is indeed regrettable to see that the Legislature will be compelled, against its better judgment, to pass a repeal of the primary," said Major La Guardia. "The reactionary legislation passed by the present Legislature is bound to be repealed by a subsequent Legislature. The real purpose of the repeal of the primary is to perpetuate its reactionary legislation."

"The repeal of the primary, affecting state officers and judges, is the first step to a complete repeal of Primary laws are not an experiment, neither are they on the statute books by accident. The convention system became so licentious and corrupt that the American people would not tolerate it any longer, hence the primaries. Since Theodore Roosevelt defossilized the courts we have not seen through the primaries not only young blood, but new thought on the bench."

Police Class Flask Toters With Gunmen

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trict attorney, yesterday issued a memorandum covering the disposition of complaints of violations of the old liquor laws from 1908 through 1917. During that period the District Attorneys were Jerome, Whitman, Perkins and Swann.

Three Found Guilty in 1,311 Cases
The memorandum supports the contention of the district attorneys of Greater New York that the Mullany-Gage laws should be amended to bring prosecution of violations into the Court of Special Sessions, thus eliminating jury trials. The figures show that of 1,311 cases presented to the grand jury 1,200 were dismissed. Of the 113 persons indicted only three were found guilty by juries in General Sessions. The jury acquitted thirty-one, twenty were discharged and fifty-nine pleaded guilty. These cases had been transferred from Special Sessions.

The justices in Special Sessions handled 9,229 cases, and convictions totaled 5,366.

Earl B. Barnes, Assistant United States Attorney, announced yesterday that there are more than 300 applications for injunctions to close saloon properties as nuisances now pending in the office of the Federal Attorney for this district. Mr. Barnes said that the courts did not seem "to evince much sympathy in granting these injunctions."

The right to enter premises without a warrant in search of liquor was decided by Judge McGowan yesterday in the case of Silverio Gennini, of 157 West Forty-fourth Street. Detectives arrested him in his room on Thursday. The detectives said the door was locked and they broke it open. Gennini answered the ring and the detectives entered his room and found, they said, four quarts of whisky, glasses and other drinking equipment.

Warrant Is Required
"When the premises are locked and the police have no warrant when there is no other evidence," said the magistrate.

Four Federal prohibition agents of Brooklyn were placed on trial at Buffalo yesterday, charged with accepting bribes. A fifth Brooklyn agent, Daniel J. Ahern, who was indicted on the same charge, turned state's evidence, and was the first witness for the state against the four. Their names are Joseph Smith, Ralph Heaton, Louis Jacobs and Timothy Daly. A Syracuse agent was placed on trial with them.

The seizure of twenty barrels of whisky at Paddell's restaurant, 8 East Twenty-third Street, was reported yesterday afternoon by detectives on the staff of Inspector Coleman. They arrested James Bowser, manager, and Peter Gillette, a bartender.

Bowser displayed a permit which expired on December 31, and declared it had been extended until May 31. The detectives said he furnished no evidence of such extension.

Borden To Be Re-examined, But by Same Military Board

TRENTON, N. J., April 9.—John W. Weeks, Secretary of War, notified Leonidas Coyte, state commander of the American Legion, to-day that Brigadier General Howard S. Borden, of the New Jersey National Guard will be re-examined though not by a new board, as Mr. Coyte had requested. Numerous National Guard officers resigned when General Borden was named as commander of the New Jersey infantry brigade.

Miller to Name City's Transit Body This Week

Governor Also Expected to Appoint Members of State-Wide Public Service Commission in a Few Days

Awaiting Acceptances

Rumored That None but Republicans Will Be Selected for Eight Places

From a Staff Correspondent
ALBANY, April 9.—Governor Miller will appoint within three days the members of the Transit Commission, with complete power to deal with the New York City traction problem. He also will send to the Legislature the names of the men who are to comprise the state-wide Public Service Commission, which will have full control over all the public utilities of the state, with the exception of the New York City car lines.

Who these eight appointees will be Governor Miller himself does not know to-night, as he has not received acceptances from all whom he has invited to act as commissioners, either in New York City or on the state-wide commission.

However, it can be said on the word of a confidant of the Governor that not a single member of the present upstate commission will be appointed, and no man who has served on any of the Public Service commissions will be appointed to the Transit Commission.

Tremendous political pressure has been brought to bear on the Governor to appoint at least one of the Republican members of the upstate commission to the state-wide commission. But while the caliber of the man in question is high, it does not measure up to the standard set by the Governor for those who shall sit on this body and have power to raise and lower rates of all the utilities of the state excepting the New York traction corporations.

Salaries of \$15,000 Each
The Transit Commissioners are to be New York City men. Their terms will be for five years, and, like that of the five members of the new Public Service Commission, their salaries will be \$15,000.

The terms of the Public Service Commissioners are fifteen years. They are not removable by the Governor, as are the Transit Commissioners, but only by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. Governor Miller has declared that two of the members of the Public Service Commission would come from New York City. The other three, it is said, may come from Rochester, Buffalo and Westchester.

It is said that the Governor, realizing that the Republican party will be held accountable by the people for the acts of the two commissions, is considering appointing none but Republicans. If any Democrats are appointed they will be men who have approved the Governor's public utility program, for he wants, above all, men who sympathize with the task before them, and will approach it with the intention of making good.

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Compromise Budget Bill To Be Offered in House

Assistant to Chief Officer Will Report to President, Under Revised Measure

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, April 9.—President Harding, on the eve of reading his message to Congress on Tuesday, conferred to-day with House leaders on executive matters. The President devoted several hours this afternoon to his message, with the result that it is virtually ready. Representative Good, of Iowa, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and Representative Madden, of Illinois, talked over various phases of the proposed executive program with the President. Plans were completed for opening the session.

Representative Good told the correspondents following the conference that in all probability the budget bill would be reintroduced at once in substantially the same form as last session. The bill provides a budget officer directly responsible to the President. In the Senate the Secretary of the Treasury was named as budget officer. The new bill effects a compromise in that the Secretary of the Treasury, as budget officer, is given an assistant who shall report to the President.

Compromise Budget Bill

When the searching parties returned to the West Thirtieth Street police station, where they were joined by Dr. Carleton Simon, Special Deputy Police Commissioner in charge of the narcotics division, William and Mary broke down and admitted ownership of the drugs. Dr. Simon recognized the woman as one who had applied to him in vain for a drug-user's certificate when he was on the State Narcotics Commission.

She told him that she attributed her present situation largely to her refusal to take the advice he gave her at that time to go to an institution for drug addiction. Drugs had driven her into the underworld, she said, and kept her there. She said that her drugs cost her \$25 a day.

Her companion said that he had bought the drugs the detectives found in Philadelphia, paying \$4,200 for them.

The two prisoners were taken to Night Court, where they were held in \$500 each for examination, and store detective requesting that high bail be fixed, as the pair had jumped a bail bond five years ago.

Non-Union Crew Seizes Ship

Paraguayan Gunboat Reported to Have Sunk Steamer

BUENOS AIRES, April 9.—The non-union crew of the steamer Huttaita, operated by the Paraguayan government, stole off with the vessel Wednesday night and headed north toward Brazil, according to advices from Asuncion to-day. A Paraguayan gunboat was sent in pursuit. Dispatches received here late to-night reported that the Huttaita was sunk near Concepcion.

The crew of the Huttaita, it was believed, made off with it intending to take over other river steamers and persuade the crews to join in resisting the Paraguayan government's proposal to surrender operation of the vessels to their owners, the Argentine Navigation Company. This company placed them under the Paraguayan flag several months ago when they were tied up by a strike.

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Appropriation Bill Of \$98,000,000 Is Signed by Governor

Measure Sets New Low Level for Annual Expense Since Beginning of High Price Era; All Items Unchanged

From a Staff Correspondent

ALBANY, April 9.—Governor Miller to-day signed the annual appropriation bill. The measure calls for the expenditure of \$98,000,000 and represents a new low level in annual appropriations since the beginning of the era of high prices due to the war. The total appropriations for 1921-'22 will be about \$136,000,000, approximately \$9,000,000 less than that of the prior fiscal year.

Governor Miller did not change a single item in the measure, thus paying a high compliment to those who were in-terested with the task of drafting it. He is the first Governor since Theodore Roosevelt to approve every item submitted in an annual appropriation bill. When the legislative Budget Committee received the various appropriation requests last fall the total amounted to about \$206,000,000. By careful pruning the legislative leaders succeeded in reducing this amount to \$136,000,000, including the \$98,000,000 in the appropriation bill.

The appropriation bill is the first actual step toward carrying out the policy of economy and retrenchment laid down by Governor Miller in his first annual message. He will brook no departure from this policy, and has served notice that if state officials do not believe they can run their departments in an efficient manner on the appropriations granted them he will find those who can.

The annual supplementary appropriation bill was brought before the Legislature by the Senate Finance Committee to-day. The measure carries appropriations of \$5,585,000, the majority of which is for the reorganized State Tax Commission and the new State Public Service Commission. The former gets \$2,500,000 and the latter \$700,000. The expenses of the Rapid Transit Commission are to be paid by New York City. In a separate bill introduced to-day by Senator Lusk, the salary of the chairman of the Tax Commission is fixed at \$12,500 a year; the other two commissioners are to get \$10,000 each.

The supplementary appropriation bill also contains an appropriation of \$300,000 for the new state office building, to be constructed on the site purchased by the state immediately west of the Capitol. The project was begun in Governor Whitman's time, but was held up, due to high construction costs. The building, when completed, will cost about \$3,000,000.

Flag-Draped Coffin Ends

Mother's Search for Son

Soldier's Body, Just Returned.
Her First Definite Word Since Death in 1918
Private Edward E. Kelly, of the 106th Infantry, crumpled before machine gun fire in an attack on Mount Kimmel September 2, 1918, and died in a few minutes. He was buried immediately afterward by an English army chaplain. But not until a few days ago did his mother, Mrs. Lucy Kelly, know his fate. She had been convinced that he was alive, until his body in a flag-draped coffin arrived on a transport.

Tuesday morning the body sent back from France will be given a second burial—this time from the home of Mrs. Kelly, 1034 Somers Street, Brooklyn. Interment will be in the National Cemetery at Cypress Hills, and a military escort will be supplied by members of the 106th Infantry Post, American Legion.

For more than two years Mrs. Kelly waited and hoped, clinging steadfastly to the belief that her son was alive. And there was reason for such belief. There had been many conflicting reports. First, she was told that her son had been made a prisoner. Later she was informed that he was in a hospital overseas, wounded. Later still he was reported "missing in action."

Mrs. Kelly never gave up hope and never faltered in her search. During recent months she trudged from hospital to hospital in New York City and vicinity, thinking it possible her son without her knowledge had been in this country.

When her son's body was turned over to her there also was handed to her a framed memorandum book, containing her photograph. The book was in Private Kelly's pocket when he fell.

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